

To The Commission:

I am an amateur radio operator who's been licensed 40 years, with an extra class license for thirty. I am shocked to see NCVEC's proposal to instigate a communicator's class of entry-level license. It is so reminiscent of the CB fiasco--limited power, commercial equipment, little or no theory, and no Morse code requirement. I remember with some pain the lawlessness fostered on the Citizen's Band and its eventual near-complete deregulation. I have attached one supplement from a ham in another country petitioning his government to retain Morse testing, and the arguments apply as well to us. I have attached a second supplement of a newspaper article telling of how current Morse code is. Although the article is somewhat dated, much of the material is still relevant.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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